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Amendments to the Abstract:

A storage cassette (1) for accommodating substrates includes a box-shaped case (10) having a space and defining an entrance for inserting the substrates into the space; and a pair of stopping mechanisms (60) each including a top first locating mechanism (30), a bottom second locating mechanism (50) and a stopper (40) engaged therebetween. The stopping mechanisms are respectively located at opposite sides of the entrance. Each locating mechanism defines a first locating ~~means~~ portion, a second locating ~~means~~ portion closer to a corresponding side of the opposite sides than the first locating ~~means~~ portion, and a connecting ~~means~~ portion interconnecting the first and second locating means. In a first position, the stopper is engaged in the first locating ~~means~~ portion, and substrates accommodated in the cassette cannot be displaced; in a second position, the stopper is engaged in the second locating ~~means~~ portion, and the substrates can be freely slid out from the space.